LOCAL NEWS.

THE NILSSON CONCERT.-The concert of Mlle. Christina Nilsson, at Lincoln Hall, in Washington, on Saturday night last, is described in some of the papers of that city as a magnificent affair, and probably it was; most assuredly it was if the qualities of size and duration constitute elements of magnificence. The hall is large, and it was filled with a large audience, among which was profusely distributed large quantities of ugliness, false hair, cheap jewelry, dress coats, white kid gloves and selfishness, and the selections in the programme were long, and made doubly so by being invariably encored. The immense quantity of selfishness present was most conspicuously exhibited by the following incident: Just before the performance began an unusual stir and bustle around the entrance announced the arrival of distinguished attendants, and soon General Grant, his wife and a suite of about half a dozen appeared and advanced, the cynosures of all eyes, to the first row of chairs on the extreme left of the stage. The seats were by no means the choicest at best, but in addition to their inferiority there had been a mistake in the numbers secured, so that when Mrs. Grant was scated the President had to stand, and it was not until after a collectoin of ushers in the locality, and what must have been a mortifying embarrassment of some minutes' duration, that, of all the people present, but two gentlemen had the politeness to offer to relinquish their chairs to the Chief Magistrate of the Nation and his lady. They gladly accepted the offer, though by so doing they were separated from each other during the whole evening, as their seats were not adjoining. There was, also, present a large amount of ignorance concerning the National airs of Ireland, for though Vieuxtemps, with his violin, produced "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" in the most exquisite and characteristic style, several persons were heard to ask what he was playing. Miss Annie Louise Cary, too, had a large oblation of flowers. At the conclusion of one of her pieces a young man with a melancholy cast of countenance sprang from among the audience upon the stage, ran entirely across it, and threw at her what seemed to be a pillow, but which, striking her head, proved to be the thinest of paper, for it burst and covered her with a shower of rose buds. The admittance fee was very large-\$4. Not being versed in the science of music, the writer of this item is not competent to criticise the vocalists; his impressions are, however, that Verger is but a second rate artist; that Brignoli sang better and was much handsomer when he and Amodio supported Piccolomini; that Miss Cary has an excellent voice and a beautiful arm, and that he has heard Old Folks at Home sung much better by some Virginia girls than by Nilsson. Among the yast throng composing the andience were several who went from this city-Judge Keith, Messrs. H. O. Claughton, F. L. Smith, jr., S. C. Neale, Alexander Hunter and others. POTOMAC FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

-The Potomac Fruit Growers' Association, after an experience of a year, have entered upon the coming season with the following officers: J. H. Gray, of Falls Church, Va., president; Chalkey Gillingham, of Accotink, Va., first vice president; John H. King, of Washington, second vice president; P. H. Folsom, of Washington, secretary, and H. Amidon, of Washington, treasurer. Professor William Saunders of the Agricultural Department, is chairman of the Committee on Fruits; and Professor Thomas Taylor, chemist, of Washington, is chairman of the Scientific Com-

YESTERDAY.-Yesterday was a rainy and disagreeable day, and the congregations assembled at the different churches during the morning services were consequently small. The sky cleared away during the evening and the attendance at the night services was more numerous. The city was very quiet all day, and though many a side door afforded opportunities for parties anxious to break the sunday law, and though these opportunities were availed of to a considerable extent, there were no evil resultsat least none that was visible on the streets.

FISHING SEASON.—Affairs at Fishtown are rapidly assuming their usual spring appearance. Fish houses, salt houses, and booths are being rapidly whitewashed and otherwise prepared for occupation. The plank flooring is being put down, and every thing will be ready by the time the fish commence to arrive. The Wawaset brought up a large supply of fish from some of the landings yesterday, and a vessel arrived up this morning. from Windmill Point, with a load, among which were quite a number of shad.

WAR CLAIMS.-Claimant's under the recent act of Congress providing for pensions to soldiers of 1812, and under the more recent act providing for the payment of claims of loyal citizens for quartermaster and commissary stores taken during the late war for the use of the Federal army, are numerous in this section of the State. Some of the agents for the prosecution of such claims, whose notices can be seen in another column, have been already employed in a large number of cases.

MR. GEORGE SWAIN, one of our oldest and most respectable citizens, whose illness we had announced, died yesterday, in the 80th year of his age. He was a native of Newburyport, Mass., but came to this place, (having been a volunteer in the army in the war of 1812,) settled here and has resided here ever since. He was a man of strict integrity, and honor, a useful citizen, and highly esteemed by all who

CHINA AND JAPAN.-Col. A. S. Taylor, of Virginia, will deliver a lecture on "China and Japan, via. the usual stopping places," at the Assembly Rooms on the evening of Thursday next. Those who have heard the lecture, speak of it as one of the Col's, best efforts, and a large audience will doubtless be present at its delivery.

MARTIN'S BREWERY.-Mr. Henry S. Martiu has closed his brewery in this city, and is sending the machinery he used there to Boston, where it is understood he will resume operations.

up the river. The steamboats and sailing vessels are bringing up considerable numbers from the lower landings.

Leesburg, Va.

URRY COMBS, Curry and Horse Cards, Syrups, Yeast Powders, Washing Soaps, &c., just received from New York.

CHINESE TEA COMPANY.

The lower landings.

The steamboats and sailing vessels are bringing up considerable numbers from feb 2. J. F. CARLIN & SONS.

CORPORATION COURT. - Judge E. M. Lowe, presiding. - The March term of the Corporation Court commenced at ten o'clock this morning. The will of Louisa A. Smith was admitted to

probate. Com. vs. Newton Smith, colored, upon an indictment for murder of the child of a young white woman named Harriet Ferguson, he being the father. Col. Chas. E. Stuart appeared for the prisoner, and demurred to the indictment, for that it contained two counts diametrically opposed to or inconsistant with one another, and claimed that the Commonwealth's Attorney must elect under which count he will proceed. The court overruled the demurrer, and the prisoner was then arraigned, plead "not guilty," and put himself upon his trial before the jury. D. L. Smoot, esq., Commonwealth's Attorney, and Col. C. E. Stuart then stated to the jury what they respectively expected to prove. The 1st witness for the prosecution was Mrs. Ferguson, who stated that she was the mother of Harriet Ferguson; that her daughter gave birth to a child last December at her house on Alfred street; that she had formerly lived at the Mansion House as a servant; that on Wednesday of the birth N. Smith, the prisoner, came to her house and took away the child, stating that he would take it to his mother to raise. Court then took a recess.

CORN EXCHANGE. - The information that the members of the Corn Exchange, in this place, are engaged in the laudable undertaking of procuring a building for the exchange, is received with much pleasure by our citizens. Mr. Worthington's plan presented to the meeting appears to us an excellent one, and was altogether acceptable to the meeting held on the subject. Success to the Corn Exchange and Alexandria Trade in all its departments! The committee appointed on Saturday last to receive subscriptions to the stock of the company have been so successful that arrangements are already in progress for the purchase of a site upon which to erect the new building, and those who have the matter in charge say that before the summer is over a handsome, commodious and convenient edifice will have been completed, and be occupied by the merchants of the Alexandria Corn Exchange.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR. -We hope our business men will not suffer the subject of an Agricultural Fair, to be held in this place, next fall, to be forgotten or overlooked. Ever since the close of the war, as we did before the war, we have urged the matter upon the consideration of our people-and we are confident that advantages would result from the success of such an undertaking an would much more that compensate for the expense that might be incurred in carrying the scheme into successful operation. We submit the matter again.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY. - Attention is directed to the Alexandria Library Advertisements in another column. Let all aid in the support of so venerable and beneficient an institution, while supplying themselves and families with the best reading.

Assaulted and Robbed.—Captain Thomas W. Beard, of Piscataway Creek, formerly of the Alexandria and Farmington sail packet line, was assaulted in Washington a day or two ago, and robbed of a pocket-book containing

RAIN.—There was a continuous and heavy fall of rain, nearly all day yesterday. There is, what is called, "a current" in the river-but, it will, probably, soon subside.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.-Porter Smith, colored for improper conduct in Market alley, was fined

and discharged. Joseph Jackson, colored, on complaint of William Gibson, colored, for disorderly conduct, was dismissed as the charge was not sustained, and the costs of the case assessed

against the complainant. Henry Williams, colored, for disorderly conduct, and for beating his sick wife, was fined

and discharged. MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Eliza Smith, colored, the wife of the man now being tried for murder, for an assault upon, and for threatening the life of Mrs. Harriet Ferguson, was bound over to keep the peace for one year.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear and temperature moderate, a white frost being visible this morning. There were no disturbances anywhere in the city. The station house was without a single prisoner or lodger. The two policemen on the upper end of Duke street, about the middle of the night, heard cries for help in the direction of West End, and pro-ceeding towards that place, encountered a colored man coming down the road who besought their protection, telling them that he was beset with witches who were pulling his hair and choking him to death. He was escorted to his home, stoutly maintaining that he was not la-boring under an hallucination but that the witches were realities.

RETAINED LETTERS.—The following letters are retained in the post office for want of stamps, proper direction, &c.:—Mrs. Mildred Lacey, Brandy Station, Va.; James Ogann, Netville; Maria Lane, Alexandria, Va.

If you travel East, West, North or South, take a package of Simmons' Liver Regulator. Prepared only by J. H. Zeilin & Co., Macon,

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To arrive per schr Cornelia—400 sacks Worthington Fine Salt.
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W. A. SMOOT, Smoot's wharf.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of certificate No. 108 of preferred stock in said road, dated July 28th, of preferred stock in said told, the said 1864, for 33 shares, standing in my name—said cortificate having been lost or mishaid.

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Is established as a grain and agricultural ware house, and a good stand for country trade.

Apply early to WM. CLINE, Apply early to

TELEGRAPHIC.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- In the Senate the report of the committee on Southern outrages coming up, it was ordered that 2,000 copies of the report and evidence, and 20,000 of the report alone be printed.

A bill to relieve Hon. Chas. James Faulker, of West Va., of political disabilities, was refer-

The House of Representatives was occupied with the call on States for bills and resolutions. A number were introduced but none of especial importance.

FOREIGN NEWS.

MADRID, March 13.—Serious disturbances have taken place in the province at Aleante. An armed mob fired on the Mayor and other civil authorities. Some lives were lost. the elections the opposition is triumphing. In consequence of the disturbed state of the country, the King's trip to meet the Queen has been AMIENS, March 13.-The Emperor is seri-

ously indisposed, and is unable to review the troops. The crown Prince will review. LONDON, March 13.-The Daily News that the Black Sea conference meets to-day, but up to a late hour Sunday Duc de Broglie was without instructions to attend. It is reported from Paristhat the government

intends to levy a tax on imported raw material, especially textile fabrics. The tax on cotton alone is expected to produce annually from sixty to eighty millions of francs. Foreign manufactured fabrics will also, it is said. be taxed

A Daily News dispatch from Brussels says all the French prisoners in Belgium have been released and have gone to their homes.

The French Official Journal publishes a decree approving of the formation of regiments of infantry at Bordeaux and dissolving the headquarters of the staffs of the armies recently operating in the North, and that the camps of instruction at Havre in Britanic Island and the Vosges be retained.

A dispatch from Paris gives positive contradiction to the report that Ponyer Quatier, the French Minister of Finance, intends to make reforms in the management of the Government.

BERLIN, March 13.-The Emperor William is ill at Ferrieres, but will leave for this city Tuesday next. His journey will be direct, the condition of the Emperor's health rendering it inexpedient for him to lengthen the trip by a visit to any of the Princes of the Empire. It is announced that the Seventh and

Twelfth Prussian corps of Wurtemburgers will form the army of occupation of the portion of France to be held by the Germans until the conditions of the treaty of peace are fulfilled.

LONDON, March 13.—Right Hon. James Stanfield having accepted a cabinet office went to his constituency, the city of Halifax, for re-election to Parliament, and was returned

without opposition. Eight lives were lost by the wreck of a steam launch upon the Island of Jersey. Paris, March 13.-Versailles has been

evacuated by the Germans and the French garrison installed. The convention for the return of the French prisoners in Germany has been signed at Fer rieres. Some are to return by sea from Bremen

and Hamburg and others overland. It has been ascertained that 20 German soldiers were killed and 60 injured by the acciden at Preteaux on the North western railway.

Six Radical papers have been suppressed. The city is entirely quiet and without sign of a renewal of the recent agitation, which is condemned by the entire press. London, March 13-1 p. m.-The Black Sea conference held a session to-day. All the members including Duc de Broglie, were present. It is believed all matters under discussion have been arranged and this will probably be the last

meeting of the conference. A dispatch from Weimar says great preparation has been made to receive the Emperor William, Prince Frederick William and Gen. Moltke, who will pass through that city on Thursday.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The bark Harisburg, from New York, has put into Fortress Monroe, leaking badly. The steamers City of Brussels, from Liverpool, and Europa, from Glassgow, have arrived

Two convicts escaped from the Massachusetts State prison yesterday.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 13.—Cotton quiet. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull, but steady; prices are entirely unchanged. Corn steady; White Southern 83a85; Yellow Southern 81a83. Oats better at 62a65.

FRANKFORT, March 13.—Bonds, closed at

LIVERPOOL, March 13-11:30 a. m.-Cotton dull and unchanged. Breadstuffs quiet.

London, March 13-1 p. m.-American securities quiet and steady. Stocks quiet and BALTIMORE, March 13.-Va. sixes, old 53 bid, 531 asked; do. 1866, 66 bid, 68 asked;

do. 1867, 621 bid 65 asked. NEW YORK, March 13.-Stocks opened weak on the call, but were better afterwards; Virginia sixes, 661; do. new, 681. Money 5.

Gold steady, 111.

NEW YORK, March 13.-Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn quiet and firm.

20,000 LBS. CHOICE FAMILY

All of my own curing; a very superior article, consisting of Hams, Shoulders, Sides, Breast-pieces and Jowls, which I will sell low for cash.
S. J. REED, 74 south Fairfax street. DRESS GOODS.

Serges, Mouslines, Poplins, and a fresh supply of very cheap Alpacas, at wM. N. BERKKEY'S.

A NOTHER FRESH LOT OF APPLE BUTTER, put up in small buckets to suit families, for sale cheap by W. F. BROOKES, 179 King street. HORSEFORD'S BREAD PREPARATION just received and for sale by WM. F. BROOKES,

179 King street DRIED BEEF, for chipping and broiling—a fresh lot received this day and for sale by W. F. BROOKES, 179 King street.

SMALL SUGAR-CURED HAMS for sale by mh 13 J. C. MILBURN.

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Magnum Bonum Phosphate. Baugh's Raw Bone Phosphate. No. 1 Peruvian Guano-constantly on hand and for sale by THOMAS PERRY, and for sale by 15 King street.

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1000 sacks LIVERPOOL G. A. SALT.
300 sacks MARSHALL'S FINE SALTin bright order, in store and for sale by
jan 6 HOOE, WEDDERBURN & CO. WE DESIRE TO CALLTHE ATTENTION of our patrons to our new stock of Sugars. SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE GREAT VERNAL SPECIFIC. - No class of invalids are more sensitive to changes of season and variations of temperature than dys-peptics, and persons of bilious habit. Tender lungs are not more easily affected by these vi-cissitudes than feeble stomachs. If there is a tendency in the system to indigestion, biliousness or bowel complaints, the variable weather of early spring is almost sure to develope one or the other of these ailments. Intermitten fevers are also more prevalent in the spring months than at any other season except autumn. In view of these facts, this seems to be a proper time to invite especial attention to Hosteter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine, which for a long series of years, has proved superior to all others as a remedy for the above named disorders, and as a protection against the miasma which frequently produces and always aggravates them. It was formerly the practice to give violent catharties as "spring medicines," nor is the custom yet entirely obsolete. Nothing, however, can be more ill-judged and unphilosophical. The chilling moisture with which the air is loaded at the breaking up of winter, presses heavily upon the vital forces of the body, and reinforcement, not depletion, is what it requires. The Bitters is a genial and excellent tonic, a moderate alterative and just enough of an aperient to regulate, with out convulsing, the howels. It is, therefore, a specific peculiarly adapted to the present season mh 13-eolw

GRAPE WINE FOR SICKNESS.—Decided y one of the nicest and most creditable of any advertised article we have ever seen, is the wine bearing the above name, from the vineyard of Mr. Alfred Speer, of Pasaic, N. J. This wine is expressed from the Oporto grape, which, under the hand of Mr. Speer, has been brought to a state of great perfection. The wine possesses the very highest medicinal virtue, and certainly as an article of beverage it is not, in our judgment to be expressed in color taste. ment, to be surpassed in color, taste, or any o the qualities which constitute a pure, mild and agreeable wine. — Boston Transcript.

MEDICAL.—Essays for Young Men, on great SOCIAL EVILS and ABUSES, which interfere with MARRIAGE—with sure means of relief for the Erring and Unfortunate, diseased and debilitated. Sent free of charge, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION, No. 28. Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Philadelphia, feb 13-3m

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Ze I will make it to the interest of every nerchant to patronize a Virginia house.

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Has long been regarded as the best and cheapest Baking Powder in use. Perfectly pure and healthy. It makes, at short notice, delicious Biscuits, Rolls, &c. There need be no waste of food prepared with it, as it is always of the best quality. We would say to those who have never used it that a very few trials will enable them to use it, not only with entire satisfaction, but with conomy.

Put up FULL, NET weight, as represented. Grocers and Dealers sell it. DOOLEY & BRO., Prop's.,

69 New street, New York city. feb 13-eodeow6m SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

The students of St. John's Academy respect

fully invite their friends and the public to at-tend an Exhibition, to be given at LIBERTY HALL, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Mar. HALL, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Mar. 15th, the proceeds to be applied to paying for the arms recently purchased for the School. Besides arms recently purchased for the School. Besides recitations, they will present the laughable drama called "The Toodles," and a funny piece entitled "No. 1, Around the Corner," and give a specimen of their cadet drill by tap of drum. Tickets 25c—to be had of any student or at the door. No. 11 north Royal street. | mar 10-td

AGRICULTURAL.

MAGNUM BONUM

SOLUBLE PHOSPHATE

Reduction in Price!

This article in composed of Pure Ground Bone dissolved in Sulphuric Acid, Animal Matter and

It contains no heavy mineral substances such as enter into the composition of most of the articles sold under the name of Super Phosphates and consequently the bags in which it is packed though as large as any other, contain only 167 pounds, thus saving to the farmer at least 20 per cent of weight in the same bulk.

It has less inorganic matter than those articles which are based on Rock Guano or other heavy material. The farmer therefore derives benefit from almost every atom of its bulk, either as a crop grower or permanent improver of the soil.

PRICE \$54 PER 2000 LBS.

Pomonkey, Charles county, Md.. September 19, 1870. Dear Sir: I am much pleased with the Mag-um Bonum. It is all you represented it to be I shall want another ton this fall. THOS. S. MARTIN.

Port Tobacco, Md., July 22, 1870. Gentlemen: I used your "Magnum Bonum Soluble Phosphate" on my tobacco crop, and up to this time I have seen a marked difference in its favor between it and stable manure. Of course the tobacco is yet young, but I am disposed to believe that the Magnum Bonum will aire or time artisfaction. give entire satisfaction.

In haste, I remain yours, very respectfully. GEO. P. JENKINS.

Baltimore, July 26, 1870. Gentlemen: It affords me great pleasure to testify to the virtues of the Magnum Bonum Fertilizer, as tested this spring at my country

residence. Nestlewood. I tried it upon old grass, new sod, flowers, veg etables, &c., and in all cases with the most mark-

I sowed lawn grass seed where the subsoil was of hard clay, with only one inch of top soil, and that poor, and gave it a dressing of Magnum Bonum on April 10, 1870. By the 10th of May, the grass was two inches high, and very thick and green. I then sowed ground plaster on it, and since have cut two crops, each about eight inches high, and competent judges declare it the most remarkable stand of grass, for its age, they ever saw. I can therefore say that for grass lands, vegetables, &c., your Magnum Bonum surpasses any Fertilizer I have ever seen. Very truly, yours, W. Courtenay.

[Ex-Governor William Smith, of Virginia.] Warrenton, Va., July 30, 1870. Gentlemen: I am in receipt of yours of the Bonum Soluble Phosphate upon my spring crops. In reply, I have tried it on corn, roots and millet, with entire satisfactory results so far and alongside of Turner's Ammoniated Phosphate, which I esteem highly, and without any

appearance of inferiority.

It is right that I should say that we had an ex traordinary wet year since the opening of spring Yours, respectfully, WM. ЗМІТИ.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 1, 1871.

Mr. Thos. Perry, Alexandria, Va.:

My Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find the statement of my manager, Mr. Jacob O. McGeboe, of the effects of your Magnum Bonum sent me for my last crop of corn. Mr. McGebee has been living with me now going on three years, and I think him one of the most accurate and reliable men it has ever been my good fortune to meet with. Yours, GEO. C. GILM, ER,

February 1, 1871.

Near Charlottesville.

Geo. C. Gilmer, esq.: Yours asking the result of my experiment with

Magnum Bonum is to hand.

The Fertilizer was applied to corn at planting May 5th, with machine, (wheat drill, with al tubes but two removed,) depositing same with seed at the rate of 50 pounds per acre. On June 28th was applied broadcast of same manure two hundred pounds per acre, ploughed in at last working of corn. The first application acted finely, causing the crop to push with a vigorous growth second to none, considering the difference as to time in favor of its competitors. The second application made when the corn was beginning to suffer for rain was entirely satisfactory in its results, producing a steady, rapid growth and development throughout the season, and a full remunerative return at gathering. The Magnum Bonum ranks among the best manures ever used.

Respectfully, J. O. McGebee, Manager.

A full supply always on hand and for sale by

THOMAS PERRY,

Baugh's Raw Bone Phosphate.

I have on hand a full supply of this OLD ESTABLISHED FERTILIZER,

put up in bags of 160 lbs. THE PRICE HAS BEEN REDUCED to keep pace with the times.

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Price \$52 per 2000 lb. THOMAS PERRY,

No. 15 King street. | mar 2

AGRICULTURAL.

CTARKE'S DIXIE PLOW. By invitation of Mr. F. C. Williams, of the county of Nottoway, a number of gentlemen as-sembled at his residence, Saturday, December 10, to test, by practical experiment, the compara-tive value of the Dixie Plow, manufactured by Starke & Co., and any other that might enter

the field of competition. The plows were taken to the field at half-past The plows were taken to the field at half-past two o'clock p. m., the following gentlemen acting as judges: F. W. Epes, J. B. Williams, Robert Scott, Jas. S. Gilliam, Wm. T. Christian, Richard Epes, Dr. Darring, Sidney Graves, Walton Sydnor, F. C. Williams, G. N. Seayand J. M. Hutt. Mr. S. Graves and Walton Sydnor. were the principal plowmen, Mr. W. Sydnor working the Watt plow and S. Graves the Dixie -both of whom handled them with masterly skill and success.

The plows entered were the Dixie two-horse right and left hand plows, and the Watt twohorse left hand. Soon after the trial commenced, the beam of the Dixie right hand broke in two and was laid aside, the contest being narrowell to the Watt left hand and Dixie left hand. The soil first selected was a stubble loam without soil; but as the plows were new, and did not turn in consequence of the roughness of the castings, after a short trial it was decided to take them to another field where the soil was a well trodden, tenacious clay, with a timothy sod covered with vegetation and with straw. The plows here performed their work admirably, cutting and turning clear without choking. ing clear without choking.

As the Dixie was a new comer, as the contest

waxed warm, most of the judges took hold of it to test personally its practical working. While there is no intention to do injustice to any, as neither party had agent or representative present, and both plows did well, yet the trial, with the award of the judges, is deemed of sufficient mportance to the interest of agriculture to justi-

fy its publication. The award of the judges was unanimously in favor of the Dixie on the following grounds:

1st. It cut a deeper furrough. 2d. It cut a wider furrough. 3d. It more effectually inverted the sod.
4th. The draft seemed to be no greater. 5th. The mechanical arrangement for altering cut was deemed more simple and efficient.

At the conclusion of the trial some of the judges

for their own use. I certify that the above was sent to the Richmond Whig for publication by myself; that I am not acquainted with Mr. Starke; that he had nover seen the paper and knew nothing of its contents, and was in no wise a party to the trial of plows alluded to.

were so pleased as to determine to order them

January 7, 1871. We, the judges in the "Plow Trial" on the farm of Mr. F. C. Williams, published in the Whig, hereby certify that it was directed to be sent to that journal as a communication by the judges who made the award.

J. M. HURT, F. C. WILLIAMS, W. T. CHRISTIAN, J. B. WILLIAMS,

J. M. HURT, Secretary.

January 9, 1871: JAS. S. GILLIAM I do not believe in plow trials made by the manufacturers themselves, but hope that, every farmer will at once make a full trial of the Dixie with every plow he can find, and buythat which

does the best work. I have not been able to sup-ply the demand, nor fill my orders for some time, and must leave the field trials where they

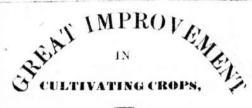
rightly belong—to farmers themselves.
P. H. STARKE, 1440 Main street.

New Market, Caroline County, February 20, 1871. P. H. Starke, esq.: Dear Sir-Inclosed you will find a certificate which I send you for your "Dixie" Plow. I have been actuated from no other motive, but alone from the merit of the Plow. I fear the alone from the merit of the Plow. I four the certificate may be too lengthy for publication should you desire it, but I felt a desire to do your Plow justice, and at the same time to do Watt no injustice, and show the reasons why I thought your Plow the best, and my opportunities for judging of the two Plows. You can make such disposure as you may choose of the certificate. They very respectfully Ac-

certificate. I am very respectfully, &c., John H. Taliaferro. Falls Church, Va., October 28, 1870. Mr. A. T. Skinner, Alexandria: Dear Sir: The "Dixie" Plow bought of you

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